

Road Construction Updates

Oct. 9 – Oct. 23, 2011: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks



Plan carefully to maximize your fun and minimize your delays during your visit to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. We appreciate your patience during ongoing road construction projects. Our construction season is short, and the work is necessary for everyone's safety.

How Can You Minimize Delays?

- Give yourself plenty of time to visit.
- Stop by one of our visitor centers, and ask a ranger to help you plan your visit.
- Visit our park website for major road construction updates: www.nps.gov/seki

Where are the Biggest Delays or Inconveniences?

If you plan to enter or exit Sequoia National Park, you will find 20-minute to 1-hour delays between the Hwy. 198 entrance to Sequoia National Park and the Giant Forest (11 miles inside the park) or on your way to the General Sherman Tree, the largest giant sequoia tree in the world. You may encounter additional 5-15 minute delays for other road projects in both parks with occasional temporary road, parking, and campground closures. *Schedules may change with little notice.*

How Can I Avoid the Biggest Delays/Closures and See the Big Trees?

Schedule Your Visit Carefully!

Temporary Closures at Sequoia National Park

Sep. 12 - Oct. 20:

- *Mineral King Bridge Replacement*– Just before the last parking area at the end of the road (Eagle Mosquito). Alternate parking at Sawtooth Trailhead

Oct. 12-13:

- *Lodgepole Visitor Center parking*– closed after 6 p.m. on Oct. 12 until work completed on Oct. 13.

Oct. 14: (7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

- Pinewood Picnic Area

Temporary Closures at Kings Canyon NP

Oct. 10:

- *Copper Creek Trailhead parking lot*– Use long term parking or Muir Rock parking lots.

Oct. 11: (9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

- *Visitor Center parking lot* (from Plaza to Manzanita Trailhead)
- *Grant Grove Village parking* (Old Store)

Oct. 11-12:

- *Azalea Campground*– Use alternative camping at Cedar Grove and USFS sites.

Oct. 12: (9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

- *John Muir Lodge parking*

Oct. 13:

- *Redwood Canyon Overlook parking*
- *Concessions parking (Plaza)*

DAY WORK

(Monday - Thursday) Oct. 10 - 13, and Oct. 17 - 20:

Traffic can only pass through the construction zone every hour on the hour from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.

(Friday) Oct. 14, and Oct 21:

Road construction ends at 2:30 p.m.

NIGHT WORK (Sunday - Friday)

Between 9 p.m. each evening through 6 a.m. each Friday, traffic can only pass thru the construction zone at 11:30 p.m.

WEEKENDS/TIMES NOT LISTED

20 minute delays with signals and/or flaggers.

RVs AND TRAILERS

The main road (Generals Highway) to the General Sherman Tree, Giant Forest, and Lodgepole is closed to vehicles longer than 22 feet (total combined length) shortly after the Sequoia National Park entrance. Longer vehicles should enter and exit the parks via Hwy. 180 at Kings Canyon National Park.

MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES

Road project work may cause slick, oily, and hazardous road conditions. Slow down and be safe!